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MEMORANDUM FOR: Helene L. Boatner
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FROM : H. F. Hutchinson, Jr.
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SUBJECT : Suggestions for Studies in Intelligence

Helene -

1. You may wish to consider the general subject of deception for the Studies in Intelligence or as the subject for a monograph in the Center for Studies in Intelligence. This comes to mind as a result of a discussion this morning with [redacted] formerly of the CI Staff. Harry Rowen and I have been discussing the historical uses of deception and its potential application to today's work. As part of our discussion and self-education, we have met with [redacted] and some others.

2. [redacted] made the following points this morning:

- The overall subject of deception may be divided for convenience into tactical and strategic.
- The Soviet doctrine of maskirovka can and should be separated from the larger, broader concept of deception in its English meaning.
- The Soviet doctrine of desinformatsiya also should be separated from maskirovka and should be considered as a part of a larger, broader concept of deception in its English meaning.
- [redacted] views of the Soviet capabilities in strategic deception have mellowed somewhat since his retirement [redacted]. He is less inclined today to articulate a massive, well-coordinated Soviet program for deception but he continues to believe that they have a large program for strategic deception. Also, it may be hobbled by security concerns, bureaucratic impediments, and petty jealousies.
- [redacted] believes that the open Soviet literature of the 1970's contains useful insights into ~~their~~ thinking about the value of and the planning for strategic deception.

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-- He suggests that someone here in CIA should undertake a review of that literature to determine if something useful can be said about Soviet practices in this area.

2. [] may have some suggestions to assist a project officer willing to embark upon a deception monograph. There are, of course, numerous other people in the Agency who can suggest contacts who have had long-standing interests in this area such as []

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